



Docket No.: 1293.1742

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kyung-geun Lee, et al..

Group Art Unit: 2655

Serial No. 10/630,834

Examiner: Mohammad N. Edun

Filed: July 31, 2003

Confirmation No: 8139

For: OPTICAL INFORMATION STORAGE MEDIUM AND METHOD OF RECORDING INFORMATION THEREON

COMMENTS REGARDING STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

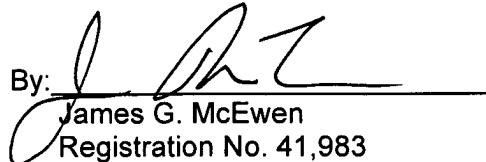
The Examiner provided a Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowability mailed October 21, 2004, in which the Examiner indicated that the claims were allowed based upon the prior art not disclosing or suggesting, among other features, "the method of recording information on and/or reproducing information having the combination of steps with their recited processes, along with the specific steps of recording write protection information as set forth in the claims, and as disclosed in the specification." It is respectfully submitted that, while the specification contains additional features further distinguishing over the prior art, the scope of the claims is not limited by the examples set forth in the specification.

As specified in MPEP 1302.14, "care must be taken to ensure that such reasons are accurate, precise, and do not place unwarranted interpretations, whether broad or narrow, upon the claims." It is submitted that the Examiner's Statement does not meet these standards and, instead, raises "possible misinterpretations... and possible estoppel effects" (MPEP 1302.14) and, accordingly, should be disregarded.

It further is submitted that the claims noted above are not constrained by the disclosure of the examples in the specification and that the claims speak for themselves as to what features are included therein and are their own best evidence as to the reasons for allowance of same.

Respectfully submitted,

STEIN, MCEWEN & BUI LLP

By: 
James G. McEwen
Registration No. 41,983

1400 Eye Street, NW
Suite 300
Washington, D.C. 20005
Telephone: (202) 216-9505
Facsimile: (202) 216-9510

Date: Jan. 14, 2005